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TO: ALL IDAHO HOSPITALS AND NURSING FACILITIES

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SUBJECT: RECALL OF SIEBE ACTUATORS
BUILDING FIRE/SMOKE DAMPERS

The enclosed CPSC Recall Alert was received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

Whereas many hospitals and nursing facilities have fire/smoke dampers installed as part of the air handling systems, we are forwarding on a copy of the Recall Alert.

Please pass the information on to your Engineering Departments for their use.

To date, we have not received any official statement from CMS regarding expectations, if any, that may be required of a certified facility.

The Alert Bulletin provides specific information on the actuator(s) under recall and contact information regarding the recall.

Should you have any questions, please contact Roger Gehrke with the Bureau of Facility Standards at 208 / 334-6626.

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cc: Idaho Hospital Association
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Recall Alert

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Invensys' Recall Hotline: (877) 481-2372

CPSC Consumer Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: Ken Giles, (301) 504-0580 Ext.

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CPSC, Invensys Building Systems Announce Recall of Siebe Actuators in Building Fire/Smoke Dampers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Invensys Building Systems, of Love Park, Ill., is recalling up to 560,000 Siebe actuators for testing and replacement, if necessary, which could be found in fire and smoke dampers. Actuators hold open fire and smoke dampers in a building's heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. A spring mechanism, integrated with the damper, is designed to close the damper during a fire to limit the spread of smoke, fire and fumes. The recalled actuators can jam, and prevent the dampers from closing. If dampers fail to close during a fire, serious injury or death can be suffered by building occupants because smoke, fire and fumes can spread through a building's ventilation system.

Building owners, damper manufacturers, and fire and safety investigators have reported dampers not closing during testing. The actuators have been identified as IBS or Siebe MA 200 and MA-200-1 series with one of the following model numbers: models MA-220, MA-220-0-1, MA-220-0-2, MA-221, MA-221-0-1, MA-221-0-2, MA-223, MA-223-0-1, MA-223-0-2, MA-230, MA-230-0-1, MA-233, MA-233-0-1, MA-240, MA-240-0-1, MA-240-701, MA-240-701-1, MA-243, MA-243-0-1, MA-243-701, MAH-241-0-1, MAH-241-701, and MAH-241-701-1. The Actuators have manufacture date codes of 9348 through 9947. The Actuators were manufactured in the United States.

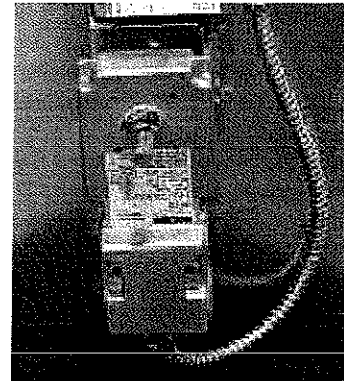
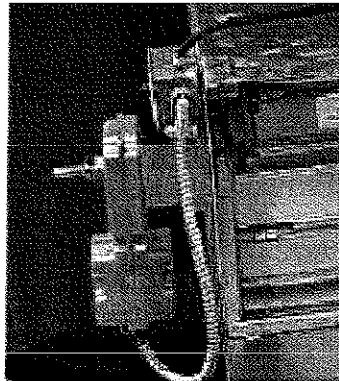
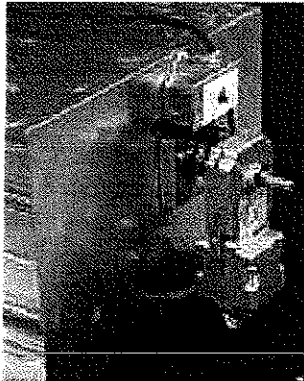
The MA 200 series Actuators were used in fire/smoke dampers manufactured by the following companies between December 1993 and October 1999:

Company	Location
Accurate Specialty Metal	Brooklyn, NY
Arlan Damper Corp	Bohemia, NY
ASL (Tomkins) Limited (Air Systems, Ltd.)	New Westminster, BC, Canada
ASL (Tomkins) Limited (Air Systems, Ltd.)	Brampton, ON, Canada
Cesco Products	Minneapolis, MN
Greenheck Fan Corp.	Schofield, WI
Leader Industries	Nashville, TN
Metalpress Export Ltd.	Bat Yam, Israel
	Houston, TX

Nailor Industries NCA Manufacturing Limited Canada NCA Manufacturing Pacific Air Balance, Inc. P.C.I. (Pottorff) Prefco Products Reed National Air Products Group Ruskin Manufacturing	Missaugua, ON Canada Garland, TX San Fernando, CA Montebello, CA Buckingham, PA Holland, OH Grandview, MO
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Building owners and managers whose buildings have dampers containing Invensys/Siebe actuators should immediately contact Invensys' Program Coordination Office at (877) 481-2372 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. A web site where building owners can obtain a complete copy of the program information has been established at www.regcen.com/MA200. To be eligible for a free actuator replacement, the building owner must test the actuator per program procedures, and report the results to Invensys' Program Coordination Office on the required forms. Invensys will replace those actuators that fail to properly function during testing.

Building owners with dampers manufactured by Ruskin Manufacturing Co. may have already participated in a similar Replacement Actuator Program conducted by Ruskin. Those building owners also should review this announcement and participate in this recall, as it provides follow-up on Ruskin's program.



MA-200-series actuators attached on fire and smoke dampers. Note: Mounting arrangements vary.